

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A sash lock apparatus which comprises:

a keeper disposable on a first window sash and having a keeper aperture therein for lockingly receiving therein a selectively retractable element from a sash lock and said sash lock having said selectively retractable element disposable on a second window sash, ~~wherein~~ said first and second window sashes are disposed for movement in a direction substantially parallel to each other, said sash lock including:

(a) a rotatable lever having a tab extending therefrom and rotatable in a plane substantially normal to the plane of movement of the second window sash, said tab extending in a direction parallel to the direction of movement of said second window sash; and

(b) a spring slide deformable by rotation of said rotatable lever and movement of said tab against said spring slide for selectively causing a portion of said spring slide to enter and retract from said aperture to cause locking and unlocking of said first and second window sashes relative to each other.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said spring slide includes a central aperture, said tab extending into said central aperture, rotation of said tab with said rotatable lever causing deformation of said spring slide and one of movement of said spring slide into or out of said keeper aperture.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further including a housing having a shaft secured to said spring slide, said rotatable lever being rotatable about said shaft.

4. (currently amended) A sash lock apparatus which comprises:  
a keeper disposable on a first window sash and having a keeper aperture therein for  
lockingly receiving therein a selectively retractable element from a sash lock and said  
sash lock having said selectively retractable element disposable on a second window sash  
wherein said first and second window sashes are disposed for movement in a direction  
parallel to each other, said sash lock including:

(a) a rotatable lever having a tab extending therefrom; and

(b) a spring slide deformable by rotation of said rotatable lever and movement of  
said tab against said spring slide for selectively causing a portion of said spring slide to  
enter and retract from said aperture to cause locking and unlocking of said first and  
second window sashes relative to each other, said spring slide including a central  
aperture, said tab extending into said central aperture, rotation of said tab with said  
rotatable lever causing deformation of said spring slide and one of movement of said  
spring slide into or out of said keeper aperture;

~~The apparatus of claim 2~~ further including a housing having a shaft secured to  
said spring slide, said rotatable lever being rotatable about said shaft.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said spring  
slide is a spring steel slide.

6. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said spring  
slide is a spring steel slide.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said spring  
slide is a spring steel slide.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said spring slide is a spring steel slide.

9. (currently amended) A sash lock apparatus which comprises:  
a keeper disposable on a first window sash and having a keeper aperture therein for  
lockingly receiving therein a selectively retractable element from a sash lock and said sash lock  
having said selectively retractable element disposable on a second window sash, wherein said  
first and second window sashes are disposed for movement in a direction substantially parallel to  
each other, said sash lock including:

(a) a rotatable lever having a tab extending therefrom; and  
(b) a spring slide deformable by rotation of said rotatable lever and movement of said tab  
against said spring slide for selectively causing a portion of said spring slide to enter and retract  
from said aperture to cause locking and unlocking of said first and second window sashes  
relative to each other; said spring slide including a central aperture, said tab extending into said  
central aperture, rotation of said tab with said rotatable lever causing deformation of said spring  
slide and one of movement of said spring slide into or out of said keeper aperture;

further including a housing having a shaft secured to said spring slide, said  
rotatable lever being rotatable about said shaft;

~~The apparatus according to claim 3~~ further including a member having member detents therein and secured to said shaft and rotatable member detents disposed on said rotatable member for entry into at least one selected member detent upon rotation of said rotatable member to one of an open or closed position.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 4 further including a member having member detents therein and secured to said shaft and rotatable member detents disposed on said rotatable member for entry into at least one selected member detent upon rotation of said rotatable member to one of an open or closed position.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 7 further including a member having member detents therein and secured to said shaft and rotatable member detents disposed on said rotatable member for entry into at least one selected member detent upon rotation of said rotatable member to one of an open or closed position.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 8 further including a member having member detents therein and secured to said shaft and rotatable member detents disposed on said rotatable member for entry into at least one selected member detent upon rotation of said rotatable member to one of an open or closed position.

13. (new) A sash lock apparatus which comprises:

a keeper disposable on a first window sash and having a keeper aperture therein for lockingly receiving therein a selectively retractable element from a sash lock and said sash lock having said selectively retractable element disposable on a second window sash wherein said first and second window sashes are disposed for movement in a direction substantially parallel to each other, said sash lock including:

(a) a rotatable lever having a tab extending therefrom; and

(b) a spring slide deformable by rotation of said rotatable lever and movement of said tab against said spring slide for selectively causing a portion of said spring slide to enter and retract from said aperture to cause locking and unlocking of said first and second window sashes relative to each other, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

14. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 1, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 2, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

16. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 3, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 4, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 9, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 10, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim according to claim 12, said rotatable lever providing an audible sound responsive to a predetermined rotation of said rotatable lever.